

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 19, 2011 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

No claims have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. No new matter is added. Claims 1-14 and 16-30 are currently pending in the application, of which claim 1 is the sole independent claim. Further examination and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-14 and 16-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Giroti (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0034723) and Girard (U.S. Patent No. 7,283,519). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the reasons provided below.

Giroti pertains to a converged conferencing appliance that enables remote and local participants to connect to one another using disparate devices and for establishing and managing concurrent voice, data and video conferencing sessions initiated by one or more of such devices over heterogeneous networks. See Giroti at paragraph [0003].

However, Giroti does not disclose, either expressly or implicitly, how to “select an appropriate endpoint address of the plurality of endpoint addresses assigned to the participant from the participant’s client device in response to a request to join the multimedia collaboration session, the network and the media type.” Claim 1.

Rather, Giroti describes how a host can schedule a new conference by selecting a number of participants by clicking the “Participants” icon or hyperlink. See Giroti at paragraph [0083]. In other words, Giroti does not disclose, “select[ing] an appropriate endpoint address [from] the plurality of endpoint addresses assigned to the participant ... in response to a request to join the multimedia collaboration session.”

Furthermore, paragraphs [0117] and [0118] of Giroti generally describe a person’s preferred way of receiving callbacks when they are scheduled for a conference. Paragraphs

[0117] and [0118] of Giroti are silent as to how to “select an appropriate endpoint address” from “the plurality of endpoint addresses assigned to the participant ... in response to a request to join the multimedia collaboration session.”

Girard pertains to a distributed edge switching system for voice-over-packet multiservice network. In particular, Girard describes a network device that detects network signaling events or triggers points in a telephone call and invokes the call processing application in response to the detected network signaling events or trigger points. See Girard at column 18, lines 8-22.

However, nothing was found in Girard to cure the deficiencies of Giroti as described above with respect to independent claim 1.

In addition, nothing was found in Girard to disclose how “the plurality of endpoint addresses [of a participant’s client device are] assigned priorities.” Claim 1.

Therefore, in view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Giroti and Girard fails to disclose each and every element of independent claim 1.

Because claims 2-14 and 16-30 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 1, dependent claims 2-14 and 16-30 inherit the patentable features of independent claim 1. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Giroti and Girard also fails to disclose each and every element of dependent claims 2-14 and 16-30.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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